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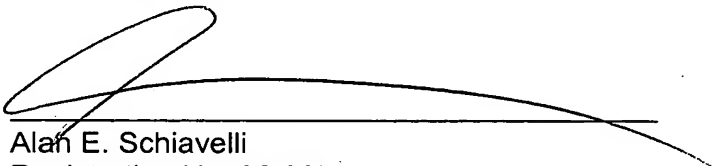
Sir:

The above-identified Continuation application of Application No. 10/369,716, filed February 21, 2003, which is being filed concurrently herewith, is noted. The sole claim of the above-identified Continuation application as filed is similar to claim 2 of Application No. 10/369,716, and is being submitted so as to file a proper non-provisional application. Applicants intend to file a Preliminary Amendment with claims to be examined on the merits in the above-identified Continuation Application, in due course. If this Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the above-identified Continuation application at the time that the Examiner takes up this application for consideration, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to determine status of such Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is thanked in advance for cooperating with this request.

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